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Dear Committee Secretary

I write to outline my opposition to the proposed \$750 million stadium at Macquarie Point.

As a taxpayer I object to public funding going towards this project ahead of other priorities such as housing, and hospitals which need urgent funding commitments. I support Tasmania's ambition to have its own AFL team but do not feel this should be dependent on the building of new stadium. The AFL should not be forcing Tasmanians to pay for a new roofed stadium when no other state has been made to do this, and when current stadiums have been adequate for AFL games to date.

Tasmanians have also not been consulted on the chosen site or provided with any realistic alternative sites. Proposed alternative locations on the Domain are clearly not appropriate nor seriously considered an option, whilst alternative locations such as Wilkinson Point were not investigated. The push to be located in the centre of the city at Macquarie point has come at the expense of more appropriate land use options on this valuable site. Transport to events will continue to be predominantly by private vehicle resulting in similar traffic issues that are currently experienced, and improvements to public transport could be equally applied no matter where the stadium is located. I do not support the decision made by the government to locate the stadium at Macquarie Point.

The government has also not publicly presented the business case outlining the merits of this project or adequately explained why our state should be burdened with further debt to build a new stadium when the state already has two AFL standard stadiums. Upgrades to these venues along with improvements to circulation space and transport would be a more financially sensible decision at this stage when funding priorities are needed elsewhere.

Kind regards
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